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SUBJ: CIVAIR - SIGNING OF AVIATION AGREEMENTS

REF: STATE A-2145, MARCH 15, 1974.

1. CIRCULAR 175 APPROVAL SIGN ROUTE, CHARTER, AND
PRECLEARANCE AGREEMENTS HAS BEEN OBTAINED AND DEPARTMENT
WISHES FIX TARGET DATE WITH CANADIANS FOR SIGNATURE THESE
AGREEMENTS, TEXTS OF WHICH SENT EMBASSY BY REF AIRGRAM.
WE HOPE HAVE COMPARISON OF FRENCH WITH ENGLISH TEXTS
COMPLETED SHORTLY. ASSUMING THERE ARE NO TROUBLESOME
LANGUAGE DISCREPANCIES OR DIFFICULTIES OVER OTHER CHANGES
WHICH MAY BE PROPOSED, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR BOTH
SIDES REACH AGREEMENT ON FINAL TEXTS BY END OF MARCH.
DEPARTMENT WILL BE CABLING SEVERAL MINOR CHANGES SHORTLY.
REMAINING STEP WOULD BE PREPARATION OF FINAL DOCUMENTS,
I.E. ENGROSSING OF CHARTER AND PRECLEARANCE AGREEMENTS BY
CANADIANS AND TYPING OF THE SEVERAL NOTES BY EXTAFF AND
EMBASSY. A REALISTIC TARGET DATE FOR SIGNING MIGHT
THEREFORE BE SOMETIME DURING WEEK OF APRIL 1-5. FYI. WE
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REALIZE THIS TIMING MAY BE AFFECTED BY OUR DESIRE TO HAVE

AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH CANADA ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES IN CONNECTION PRECLEARANCE AGREEMENT (SEE SEPTTEL) BUT WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD ACT FOR MOMENT AS THOUGH THIS CAN ALSO BE ACCOMPLISHED IN TIME. END FYI.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED REVIEW FOREGOING WITH EXTAF AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER IT ABLE TO ACCEPT TARGET DATES SUGGESTED.

3. IN DOING THIS, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS EMBASSY ORALLY NOTE THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN WASHINGTON IN EARLY SIGNING, PARTICULARLY FROM VIEWPOINT OF PHASING DATES IN ROUTE AGREEMENT. WHEN THESE PHASING DATES WERE FINALLY AGREED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, THEY WERE BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT AGREEMENTS WOULD BE SIGNED BY END OF YEAR. IT HAS NOW BEEN ALMOST SEVEN MONTHS AND FURTHER DELAYS COULD LEAD TO PRESSURES ON US AUTHORITIES TO RENEGOTIATE THE PHASING DATES. EARLY SIGNATURE WOULD AVOID THESE PRESSURES.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INQUIRE WHETHER CANADIANS HAVE DECIDED WHO THEY PROPOSE SIGN AGREEMENTS FOR CANADA. BECAUSE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WISH DELAY SIGNING BEYOND EARLY APRIL, OUR PREFERENCE IS THAT AMBASSADOR PORTER SIGN AGREEMENTS AND NOTE EXCHANGES FOR US. WHILE CANADIANS ARE, OF COURSE, FREE TO HAVE MARCHAND SIGN CHARTER AND PRECLEARANCE AGREEMENTS, NOTES WOULD HAVE TO BE SIGNED BY EXTAF AND WE WOULD PREFER THEREFORE THAT THESE AGREEMENTS AND NOTE EXCHANGES ALL BE SIGNED BY SAME PERSON IN EXTAF, PRESUMABLY SHARP. KISSINGER

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